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***Amendment***

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5748

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE COURT SUPPORT SERVICES  
DIVISION."***

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 56. Subsection (b) of section 46b-53 of the general statutes is  
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
4 *October 1, 2002*):

5 (b) Within such ninety-day period or within thirty days of the  
6 request, whichever is later, there shall be two mandatory consultations  
7 with the conciliator by each party to explore the possibility of  
8 reconciliation or of resolving the emotional problems which might lead  
9 to continuing conflicts following the dissolution of the marriage.  
10 Failure of the plaintiff or defendant to attend these consultations  
11 except for good cause shall preclude further action on the complaint  
12 until the expiration of six months from the date of the return day;  
13 provided the court may order the termination of such stay, upon the  
14 motion of either party and for good cause shown. Further

15 consultations may be held with the consent of both parties, or, if the  
16 conciliator recommends one or more additional consultations and  
17 either one of the parties agrees, the court may order such additional  
18 consultations.

19 Sec. 57. Section 46b-69c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

21 (a) There is established an advisory committee to (1) make  
22 recommendations to the Judicial Department on the development of,  
23 and annually thereafter on modifications to, the curriculum for the  
24 parenting education program established pursuant to subsection (a) of  
25 section 46b-69b, and (2) advise on other matters involving the service  
26 providers, including the qualifications and selection of such providers.

27 (b) Not later than January 15, 2003, the advisory committee shall  
28 make recommendations to the Judicial Department on the expansion  
29 of the parenting education program to include a separate program for  
30 children whose parents are involved in a dissolution of marriage  
31 action. Such program shall be designed to help children cope more  
32 effectively with the problems that result from a dissolution and shall  
33 have as its goal the prevention or reduction of children's anxiety,  
34 aggression, depression and behavioral problems and an increase in  
35 social competencies critical to children's post-dissolution adjustment.

36 [(b)] (c) The advisory committee shall consist of not more than ten  
37 members to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court  
38 and shall include members who represent the commission on children,  
39 the family law section of the Connecticut Bar Association, educators  
40 specializing in children studies, agencies representing victims of  
41 family violence, service providers and the Judicial Department. The  
42 members shall serve for terms of two years and may be reappointed  
43 for succeeding terms. The members shall elect a chairperson from  
44 among their number and shall receive no compensation for their  
45 services.

46 [(c)] (d) The Family Division of the Judicial Department shall

47 provide staff services to the advisory committee."